

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR DON KNABE

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Consideration of a minimum wage ordinance in unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County, as well as on businesses that perform services on behalf of the County is a significant issue under consideration by this Board. There has been a great deal of research performed touting the economic benefits of such ordinances, but these studies have not provided much insight on the impact to businesses, other than to say there is no or minimal impact. The study being proposed today that will be conducted by the Los Angeles Economic Development Corporation (LAEDC) will examine business impact, which I am encouraged by. However, I want to ensure the voices of businesses are heard from directly during this process. I believe that they should be engaged directly and be offered the opportunity to provide their thoughts, their ideas and even their reservations about a minimum wage ordinance.

I, THEREFORE MOVE that the Board instruct the Director of the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs, in consultation with the Small Business Commission and with the Los Angeles Economic Development Corporation, to conduct hearings in unincorporated areas of the County, a minimum of one in each Supervisorial District, to give business owners the opportunity to comment on a minimum wage ordinance, and report back in 45 days, in alignment with the timing of the LAEDC report.

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